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DIVISION OF COUNTY

The Mist is glad it referred to the "Division of the County" for it has given Brother Nutt of the Rainier Review an opportunity to write a long editorial. We do not intend to go into the matter at any great length, but we wish to correct some of the exaggerated statements which appeared in the Review. In the first place, the Mist did not try to pass the "buck" to the Review as to the first recall. It simply made the statement that the Review was an ardent champion of the first recall. This our esteemed contemporary cannot deny. In the second place that "quarrelsome, uncontented bitter feeling" which the Review says holds sway in Houlton, "the hottest little village in Oregon," does not exist. Houlton and St. Helens are working together for a bigger and better town, realizing that by a concentrated effort more can be done for the whole town's interest. Just another matter. If Brother Nutt is so anxious for a division of the county in order that peace and harmony can be restored, instead of extending the Multnomah county line to take in St. Helens, why not extend the Clatsop county line to take in Rainier, or any other place in which Mr. Nutt may live? The Mist does not believe the sensible people of the county will take seriously the agitation of the Review which, to our minds, will do more to harm the county than Brother Nutt now anticipates.

SEEING AMERICA FIRST

The blood soaked fields of Europe now offer to the tourist no attraction, and if they did, the "going" would be extremely difficult. The traffic officials of our railway companies, quick to seize the opportunity, have made "See America first" their slogan and are spending thousands of dollars in advertising the scenic attractions of this western country. Indications are that there will be thousands of tourists coming westward this summer. Coming over either the northern or southern routes they will stop in Portland for a few days and make side trips from that city; perhaps many of them will come to St. Helens to see the shipbuilding city of Oregon. If they come would it not create a more favorable impression on them to find our streets clean, the grass and weeds which line our thoroughfares mowed down and the various woodpiles, which decorate the streets and remind one of the Egyptian pyramids, removed to some place more convenient to the kitchen stove. We might also add to the attractiveness of the city by putting a little paint on those buildings which need it. And, if no tourist comes, we will all feel better to have the town looking more attractive. Every citizen should feel a personal responsibility in this and not wait for the marshal to make complaints.

DRAFT OF RURAL CREDIT BILL

The following draft of the rural credit bill has received the endorsement of the committee representing the State Grange, Oregon Farmers' Union and State Federation of Labor, appointed to prepare the measure for the ballot, and has been approved by the attorney general. It has been submitted for publication by Dr. Hector Macpherson, of the O. A. C. bureau of markets, who assisted in drawing its provisions.

Section 1. Notwithstanding the limitations contained in Sec. 7 of Article XI of this constitution, the credit of the state may be loaned and indebtedness incurred to an amount not exceeding 2 per cent of the assessed valuation of all property in the state for the purpose of providing funds to be loaned upon the security of farm lands within the state, subject to the limitations herein contained.

Sec. 2. The governor, secretary of state and state treasurer shall constitute the State Land Board, which board is hereby authorized and directed to issue and sell or pledge bonds in the name of the state to be known as Oregon Farm Credit Bonds in an amount not to exceed said 2 per cent of the assessed valuation of all the property in the state and to place the proceeds in the state treasury in a fund to be known as the "Rural Credit Loan Fund."

Sec. 3. Said bonds shall be issued in denominations of \$25, \$100, \$500, and \$1,000, and shall be issued in series of \$50,000, or multiples thereof, drawn to mature in not more than thirty-six years. They shall bear interest at the rate of 4 per cent per annum and shall be exempt from all taxes levied by the state of Oregon, or any of its subdivisions.

Sec. 4. Said State Land Board is authorized and directed to loan the moneys in said Rural Credit Loan Fund to owners of farm lands in Oregon upon notes secured by mortgages or deeds of trust constituting first liens on such farm lands in amounts which shall not exceed 50 per cent of the value of such lands nor \$50 per acre on such lands, nor less than \$200 nor more than \$5,000 to any individual. If pending applications shall at any time exceed the funds available, preference shall be given to loans not exceeding \$2,000 in amount.

Sec. 5. Such loans shall not be made except to owners who operate and occupy the lands mortgaged, and shall be made only for the fol-

lowing purposes: (a) the payment for lands purchased; (b) the purchase of livestock and other equipment, and the making of improvements which, in the judgment of said board will increase the productivity of such lands or add to their value as a farm home in a degree to justify such expenditure; and (c) for the satisfaction of encumbrances upon such lands which, in the judgment of said board, were incurred or assumed by said applicant for the aforesaid purposes.

Sec. 6. Every applicant for a farm loan shall state clearly in his application the purposes for which such loan is desired, and upon its approval by the board, this statement shall be deemed a part of the note or contract under which the loan is granted. But no failure to apply such funds to the purposes stated in such application or as enumerated herein shall invalidate a loan when once made, nor shall anything herein contained be deemed to prevent any farm owner from selling or leasing subject to such encumbrance; but if he shall violate his said contract by applying the moneys borrowed to purposes other than those stated in his application or enumerated herein, or if he shall lease such lands or sell them to any person not fulfilling the conditions and purposes provided for herein, said board is authorized and directed to require the repayment of said loan upon six months notice, and said note or contract shall contain a clause providing therefor.

Sec. 7. Such loans shall be repaid with interest accruing in semi-annual or annual installments on the amortization plan, such installments being fixed at such sums as will cover the interest rate and will liquidate the debt in a period to be agreed on between said board and the applicant, such period to be not less than ten nor more than thirty-six years; but any debtor may liquidate any part or all of his indebtedness in amounts of \$50 or multiples thereof upon amortization payment date.

Sec. 8. The rate of interest on loans shall be 5 per cent per annum, provided that in case any series of said Farm Credit Bonds is sold at an average of less than par, the board may charge upon such farm loans as are made from the proceeds of the series so sold below par a rate of interest in excess of 5 per cent, but which shall not exceed by more than one per cent the rate which the state must pay for the funds actually obtained from the disposal of its said bonds. The board, however, shall require each applicant to pay an initial charge of one per cent of the loan granted the minimum charge to be \$10 to cover the cost of appraisal and examination of title.

Sec. 9. All surplus funds accruing from the operation of the system of rural credit herein provided for after paying interest accruing on the aforesaid bonds, and all operating and other expenses arising from the administration of said system of rural credit shall be placed in the state treasury and become a part of a fund to be known as the "Rural Credit Reserve Fund." Said Rural Credit Reserve Fund shall be loaned on farm lands in the manner herein provided for the Rural Credit Loan Fund, and the interest accruing from loans made from said Rural Credit Reserve Fund shall be added to it and become part of it. The said Rural Credit Reserve Fund shall be irreducible except that it may be drawn upon to reimburse the state for loss incurred in the administration of said system of rural credit.

Sec. 10. The legislative assembly shall provide in such detail as it shall deem advisable for the carrying out and administering of the provisions of this amendment and shall provide adequate safeguards against the use of such loans as an aid to the purchasing and holding of lands for purposes of speculation. Such safeguards shall include clear definitions of the terms "operate" and "occupy" used herein. In the absence of such legislation, and subject to the same after its enactment, the State Land Board shall proceed to administer said system of rural credits under rules and regulations provided by itself, but subject to the provisions herein contained.

Sec. 11. The provisions of the constitution and laws of Oregon in conflict with this amendment are hereby repealed in so far only as they conflict herewith. The provisions of this amendment shall be self-executing, and shall take effect and be in operation 60 days after their approval and adoption by the people of Oregon.

THE ORIGIN OF PORK

Mary had a little pig,

Its tail inclined to snarl;
It followed her to Washington,
And now it's in the bar!

Mary raised this little pig
Till he became a shoat;
Then presented him to Congress
To capitolate the vote.

And now he rules the army,
The navy and the lakes;
Too bad he can't be captured,
From the legislative fakes.

What makes the pig so popular?
The eager people cry;
Because there's pork inside him,
And Congress doth defy.

The pen is mightier than the sword,
We often have been told,
But pens for Congress porkers
Are always built with gold.

Should Mary raise another pig,
We beg her to advise
That pigs are not for Congress,
But should be kept in sties.

—Newton Wilcoxson.

An elm tree that was a sapling when Columbus discovered America, and which for more than 720 years has stood near the site of historic Fort Ticonderoga, N. Y., has just been cut down. The trunk of the tree measured 68 feet to the limbs and 60 inches in circumference at the base. The top measured 27 inches.

INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

Astoria, June 5.—Lumber shipped from lower Columbia in May was 26,163,860 feet.

Newport—New survey has been ordered of Yaquina Bay and harbor.

Gardiner—Seventeen miles of new telephone line to be built from here.

Umpqua harbor to be improved at expense of \$200,000.

Marshfield—Waterfront street to North Bend to be hard-surfaced.

Bandon—The Moore mill will resume operations, having secured shingles.

Gresham—Another section of the county highway to Fairview let—construction to be 18 feet wide of bitulith.

Albany cheese factory starts with a run of 3,000 lbs. milk per day.

Roseburg—Methodist church north and south to unite on a building.

Portland—Strikes of longshoremen and tunnel workers put several thousand men out of employment.

The North Bend Daily Herald warns the public that the O. & C. land grant bill as passed is not a bona fide settler's bill.

Portland—Census bureau shows capital in manufacturing increased in Oregon in five years 56 per cent, salaries 40 per cent, products 18 per cent.

Roseburg Sand & Gravel Co. will manufacture cement tile.

Eugene Fruitgrowers' Association enlarging fruit drying plant.

Enterprise gets a new brick building this season.

Timber countries are still building steel and concrete bridges.

Tillamook gets a new concrete garage.

Springfield man has invented butter mold and will make 200 per day.

Pendleton adding \$6,000 school facilities.

Riddle to get an electric light and power plant.

Portland—Contract let for paying Broadway to Union avenue to Oregon Independent Paying Co., property owners paying \$29,000, city and street car company paying \$16,000, jitneys nothing.

St. Johns gets an addition to the municipal dock.

Astoria—County will hard surface part of road to Smith's Point.

Amity Nut & Fruit Co. to erect frame hotel.

La Grande Grocery Co. to build large brick this summer.

Baker—Oregon-Idaho Investment Co. will operate Poorman copper mine.

A State Taxpayers' League bill is being initiated so that taxes cannot increase more than 6 per cent per annum.

Marshfield struggling for \$300,000 coal briquet plant.

Portland—Sisters of the Good Shepherd to erect \$125,000 parish structure.

Coo and Curry telephone system being largely rebuilt.

Salem Fruit Union contracts for \$150,000 deliveries.

Sellwood—Plans completed for railroad from Ardenwald to Pleasant Valley.

Detroit—Corvallis & Eastern track to be extended 12 miles east.

Baker—Paymaster copper mine in Eagle mountains to be operated.

Marshfield and North Bend city council consider purchasing Coos Bay Water Co. plant at price fixed by public service commission.

Harriman—Construction of highway to Bendire mountain started.

State mining bureau to make survey of Santiam mining district.

Thomas Shaw, agriculturist of the Great Northern, says farm products of western Oregon can be doubled with drainage.

Inconsiderate persons object to the spending of \$12,000 county money on Vista clubhouse on Columbia highway.

St. Johns woolen mills will increase capacity of output 35 per cent.

Southern Pacific giving the Coos Bay country a limited train from Eugene whether business warrants or not.

Monmouth will spend \$7,917 for paving its business street.

Portland labor unions endorse three candidates for legislature and one for judge—all defeated at the primaries.

In Oregon during the first twelve months the law was in operation, only \$1.13 1-3 has been required to place \$1 in benefits in the hands of injured workmen.

Riverdale—Malheur county land owners voted to create 25,000-acre irrigation district here.

UNCLAIMED LETTERS

Letters unclaimed at the St. Helens, Oregon, postoffice for the week ending June 3, 1916:

Mr. Jesse Carson, Mr. and Mrs. H. Kinney.

Letters unclaimed by June 17, 1916, will be sent to the division of dead letters.

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